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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS: LOS ANGELES COUNTY WATERWORKS
DISTRICT NO. 40, ANTELOPE VALLEY,
AWARD OF CONSULTANT SERVICES AGREEMENT
FOR WATER STORAGE TANK DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION SUPPORT
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 5)
(3 VOTES)**

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD ACTING AS THE GOVERNING BODY
OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY WATERWORKS DISTRICT NO. 40,
ANTELOPE VALLEY:**

Award and authorize the Director of Public Works or his designee to negotiate and enter into a consultant services agreement with Lee & Ro, Inc., to provide design and construction support for seven 3-million-gallon water storage tanks for the Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 40, Antelope Valley, for a not-to-exceed fee of \$465,000.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The purpose of the recommended action is to provide design and construction support for seven 3-million-gallon water storage tanks at 41956 5th Street East, Lancaster, for the Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 40, Antelope Valley (District). The tanks are needed to provide additional storage capacity for high water demand periods and during temporary operational shortages in treated State Water Project water from the Antelope Valley-East Kern Water Agency.

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Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The Countywide Strategic Plan directs that we provide Service Excellence (Goal 1) and Community Services (Goal 6) by constructing water system facilities to enhance the reliability of water service to the District's customers and improve the quality of life for Antelope Valley residents.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There will be no impact to the County General Fund. The agreement is for an aggregate not-to-exceed fee of \$465,000, including \$42,816 for unforeseen additional work. Additional work within this amount will not be performed without prior written authorization from the Director of Public Works. Funding for the agreement is available in the Fiscal Year 2007-08 Waterworks District No. 40 Accumulative Capital Outlay Fund (N64).

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

Lee & Ro, Inc., was selected in 2006 following the contracting process set forth below pursuant to California Government Code Section 4526, et seq.

Public Works will complete the negotiation of the agreement, including the fee for services, pursuant to California Government Code Section 4528.

Lee & Ro, Inc., has demonstrated satisfactory compliance with the County of Los Angeles Code Chapters 2.200 (Child Support Compliance Program) and 2.203 (Contractor Employee Jury Service program).

The agreement will be based on the form included in the 2006 Request for Proposals, which has been reviewed and approved as to form by County Counsel. Additionally, the agreement will contain special provisions requiring Lee & Ro, Inc., to comply with the Safely Surrendered Baby Law and the standard provisions mandated by your Board.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

On January 13, 1987 (Synopsis 43), your Board adopted a Negative Declaration for the construction of up to 36 million gallons of storage, including the proposed tanks, at the subject site in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

Pursuant to California Government Code Section 4526, et seq., on August 16, 2006, Public Works published a Request for Proposals to develop a Select List of engineering consultants to provide design and construction support services for the construction of water system facilities including tanks. The Request for Proposals was sent to 35 firms, advertised on the County's web page, listed on the Office of Small Business website, and placed in several publications. The firms determined to be best qualified for the work were ranked as follows: 1) Tetra Tech, Inc.; 2) Lee & Ro, Inc.; 3) Kennedy/Jenks Consultants; 4) Brockmeier Engineers, Inc.; and 5) CDM.

The firms are assigned work based on their ranking order on the Select List. Since this is the second work order for the subject Select List, Public Works is recommending the award of the work to Lee & Ro, Inc., the second ranking firm on the list.

Participation by Community Business Enterprises (CBE) is encouraged through Public Works' CBE Outreach Program and the requirement that consultants demonstrate their good faith efforts to utilize CBEs. Lee & Ro, Inc., is aware of Public Works' CBE Outreach Program and their proposed CBE participation is on file with Public Works.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

This agreement will enable the District to construct water storage tanks to enhance the District's services to its customers by improving the reliability of the water supply to portions of the Cities of Palmdale and Lancaster.

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CONCLUSION

Please return two approved copies of this letter to Public Works, Waterworks Division.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'William T. Fujioka', written in a cursive style.

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c: County Counsel